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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoshiki Sasaki et al.

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For: SEALING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR  
MANUFACTURING  
HIGH-PERFORMANCE GAS  
DISCHARGE PANEL

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August 24, 2004

Examiner: Ngo, Hung V.  
Group Art Unit: 2831

November 10, 2004

Irvine, California 92614

**RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

**VIA HAND CARRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted on August 31, 2004 was within three-months of the discovery of the cited references, and the Notice of Allowance had not been entered in the file, as it was submitted without knowledge of the Allowance.

Accordingly, attached hereto is a Petition along with the appropriate fee with a request that the Examiner consider and enter the prior art references submitted in the prior Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action further noted that a priority document had not been received, more specifically the Japanese Patent Application No. 11-119446, filed on April 27, 1999.

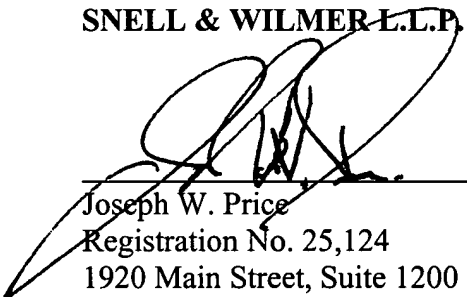
We have contacted the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, and have been informed that they did in fact receive the priority document from the Japanese Patent Office, and indicated that they would forward it directly to the United States Patent Office.

We accordingly would appreciate confirmation that the priority document has been received by the United States Patent Office from the International Bureau of WIPO. This is a document that should have been forwarded by WIPO along with the other priority documents. The assistance of the Examiner regarding this matter would be appreciated.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would help to further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the below listed number.

Very truly yours,

**SNELL & WILMER L.L.P.**



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